

The U.S. Constitution

1775
REVOLUTIONARY WAR BEGINS

1776
DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE WRITTEN AND
APPROVED

1781
REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENDS

1781
CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
APPROVES ARTICLES OF
CONFEDERATION

1787
CONSTITUTION WRITTEN

1788
CONSTITUTION RATIFIED

1791
BILL OF RIGHTS ADDED
TO THE CONSTITUTION

1796
11TH AMENDMENT
ESTABLISHES "SOVEREIGN
IMMUNITY" FOR STATES

1804
12TH AMENDMENT OUTLINES
THE RULES FOR THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

1865
13TH AMENDMENT ABOLISHES SLAVERY

1865
14TH AMENDMENT DEFINES CITIZENSHIP

1870
15TH AMENDMENT GRANTS ALL
MEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE, REGARDLESS OF RACE

1913
16TH AMENDMENT ESTABLISHES INCOME TAX

1913
17TH AMENDMENT STATES THAT THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN ELECT THEIR SENATORS

1919
18TH AMENDMENT INTRODUCES PROHIBITION

1920
19TH AMENDMENT GIVES WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE

1933
20TH AMENDMENT ESTABLISHES
JANUARY 20 AS THE DAY THE NEW
PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE

1933
21ST AMENDMENT REPEALS
THE 18TH AMENDMENT

1951
22ND AMENDMENT ESTABLISHES
TWO-TERM LIMIT FOR PRESIDENCY

1961
23RD AMENDMENT SAYS THAT
WASHINGTON, DC CAN VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

1964
24TH AMENDMENT PROHIBITS VOTING TAXES

1967
25TH AMENDMENT SETS OUT
RULES FOR SUCCESSION IF THE PRESIDENT DIES OR RESIGNS

1971
26TH AMENDMENT LOWERS VOTING AGE TO 18

1992
27TH AMENDMENT ESTABLISHES
RULES FOR CONGRESSIONAL PAY INCREASES